MARYLAND

First Hispanic Circuit Judge Appointed

Gov. Parris N. Glendening (D) has appointed Audrey Carrion as the first person of Hispanic descent to serve as a Circuit Court judge in Maryland.

Carrion was appointed Wednesday to the Baltimore Circuit Court along with Kaye Allison, an assistant U.S. attorney. Glendening reappointed Thomas Noel to a second 15-year term on the city Circuit Court.

The governor said his appointments "reflect our longtime commitment to select the most highly qualified Marylanders to serve on our judiciary while ensuring that women and minorities are significantly represented."

Carrion was in private law practice for six years and with the state attorney general's office for six years before she was appointed to the District Court. She replaces Judge Mabel Hubbard, who recently retired.